

What is a Basilica?

A large <u>oblong</u> shaped church <u>building</u>, having a <u>nave</u>, two or four aisles, one or more semi-circular vaulted apses, and a vaulted roof. It can also have an <u>atrium</u>, high <u>altar</u> and <u>tall</u> towers.

What is the Lateran Basilica?

The Lateran <u>Basilica</u> is a church constructed by the <u>Lateran</u> Family, officially named Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist at the Lateran. Being the Highest ranking Catholic church, it is the Cathedral of the Bishop of <u>Rome</u>, with the <u>Pope</u> as pastor. At the <u>dedication</u> of the Basilica, St. John Lateran is named in honor of St. <u>John</u> the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.